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Show your love
Budgets force students to cut back this holiday

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ADVERTISING

BILLBOARDS PRAISING DARWIN

In Grand Junction, Colo., a secularist group is observing the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin with billboards that urge people to "Evolve Beyond Belief." The Freedom From Religion Foundation placed the billboards in cities or towns where conflict about evolutionary theory or religious observances in public places has occurred.



CRIME

LIKE STEALING CANDY FROM A TEENAGER

Police say an Ohio teenager tried to order more than \$37,000 of lollipops and candy bars online and charging the bill to his former high school.

The 18-year-old used their purchasing number to place orders with the Goodies Factory, police say. He was arrested by police after the online site found the order suspicious.



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FREE SHOWING OF KING CORN TODAY AT 5 P.M. IN BALLROOM

Filmmaker Curt Ellis will join the event in the Pegasus Ballroom at 5 p.m. A discussion about the future of food and farms in the U.S. will take place afterward.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



SGA elections invisible to some

Candidates hope to increase awareness

CASSIE MORIEN
Staff Writer

UCF students will elect the next student body president and vice president early next week, but many potential voters are unaware that an election is even on the horizon.

Crystal Anglin, a fresh-

man biology major, did not know that election related rallies, debates and activities were happening throughout the week.

"I don't know who is running, and I didn't know they were having rallies," Anglin said.

Anglin isn't alone.

Lauren Chamberlain, a



For more photos of the campaign: www.UCFNews.com

senior interpersonal/organizational communication major, also didn't know candidates were passing out T-shirts and speaking

PLEASE SEE **VOTES** ON A6



Campaign supporters hand out fliers to promote their tickets.

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Students Robert Harmony (top), Catherine Zerilli (middle) and Bethany Conrecode, hold different jobs to supplement their incomes. According to the labor market statistics for Orange County the unemployment rate in the country was 7.7 percent in December.

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WORKING HARD FOR THE MONEY

Students struggle to pay bills amid recession

RAISA CAMARGO
Contributing Writer

John Hyne stands on the side of Bumby Avenue, dressed as the Statue of Liberty. For \$8 an hour, he waves his Liberty Tax Service sign as drivers sail by with their middle fingers out the window.

"It's pretty frustrating for me because it's not a top job," Hyne, a psychology major, said. "I just haven't been able to find anything else."

Hyne said he has worked as a server, a health technician and a manager at Dairy Queen. But as he looks for jobs online and around town, he realizes there are scores of other people applying for the same positions.

Labor market statistics for Orange County indicate there was a 7.7 percent unemployment rate in December 2008, up from 4.3 percent the year before, according to Workforce Central Florida.

The escalation in unemployment has forced stores near UCF to close their doors, which puts more pressure on students struggling to find a job.

Since last year places such as Bennigan's Grill and Tavern, Linens-n-Things, and Krispy Kreme have shut down. This January, Circuit City announced it was closing all of its stores after having filed for bankruptcy in

November.

"I've been applying to like 40 different positions right now, and I still haven't gotten a call yet," said Thomas Lin, an employee at Circuit City and a UCF criminal justice major.

Lin said he has been struggling to find a job for two months but has had no luck. He said he isn't being selective and will take whatever gives him any money.

"It's rough, really rough right now," Lin said.

PLEASE SEE **MORE** ON A6

Lecture focuses on Holocaust women

KELLY ZYSKOWSKI
Contributing Writer

When studying the holocaust, professor Judith Baskin noticed that men's viewpoints, not women's, are always what stand out.

"The more I have studied it, the more I realized: What about the women?" Baskin said. "What did they have to go through in this horrible time period?"

About 70 students filled room 208 of the Business Administration II building on Tuesday to hear Baskin discuss Jewish women and the holocaust. Students of professor Moshe Pelli's literature and the holocaust course were among them, as well as parents of the students and others.

Baskin noted that it is great to have a class that focuses on the holocaust, even though "it is 2009 and

'The more I have studied it, the more I realized: What about the women?'

— JUDITH BASKIN
HOLOCAUST PROFESSOR

has been 60 years since such a horrible time," Baskin said.

It was not until the '80s that people started analyzing Jewish women and what they went through during the holocaust, she said.

"Researchers started to incorporate gender at this

PLEASE SEE **WOMEN** ON A3

Alarm security outsourced

JESSICA GILLESPIE
Contributing Writer

To keep up with the maintenance of the Security and Panic Alarm systems on campus, Florida Fire and Sound will take over the responsibility starting July 1, 2009.

"Security systems are found around campus and include burglary alarms on doors and windows, along with distress or panic buttons on individual departments," Christine Dellert of UCF News and Information, said in an e-mail. "They are separate from the Blue Light Emergency system and fire alarms."

The systems are currently monitored by the UCF Police Department.

"There won't be a difference in the level of security," said Loretta Webb from UCF police communications. "Whoever is monitoring, there



JOHANNA STEWART / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

The Blue Light Emergency system will continue to be monitored by the UCF Police Department, while security system maintenance will be outsourced.

are certain standards they have to follow anyway. It's just that we're cutting out the maintenance part of it."

The UCF police station not only has had the responsibility of monitoring the campus, but also monitoring the alarm systems. However, there wasn't anybody in charge of keeping up with the system maintenance.

"We had systems down and nobody would even know that they weren't working," Webb said.

"As we found out on our part, we would notify that contact person for that department and it would be up to them to notify the company for a

PLEASE SEE **OLD** ON A5

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

You are what you eat!

Today a free screening of King Corn with filmmaker Curt Ellis will take place at 5 p.m. The event will be in the Pegasus Ballroom and a discussion about the future of food and farms in the U.S. will take place afterward.

For more information contact Eric Main at 407-823-3544.

Try to sing your heart out

The Campus Activities Board is presenting Valentine's Karaoke Knight today at 7 p.m. Participants are encouraged to come out and sing along to famous love songs and win prizes. Prizes include theme park tickets for two.

LINK loot will be available and to play teams must sign up. The event will take place inside Cape Florida Ballroom (316CD).

For more information contact Kim Gordon at 407-823-3294.

Learn about Paul Robeson

Joffrey's Coffee will be catering a free theater show of the life of Paul Robeson, a historical figure in the Harlem Renaissance.

The showing will take place in the Pegasus Ballroom on Thursday at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Lauren Senninger at 407-823-3294.

SGA meeting Thursday night

The Student Government weekly meeting will be happening Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Key West Ballroom.

For more information contact Sen. President Brian Peterson at 407-823-1054.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Execution scheduled for killer of Tampa junior high student

JACKSONVILLE — An inmate who killed a Tampa junior high school student more than 25 years ago is facing execution by lethal injection.

Wayne Tompkins is scheduled to die at 6 p.m. Wednesday for the March 1983 murder of 15-year-old Lisa DeCarr, the daughter of his girlfriend.

The 51-year-old inmate was originally scheduled to die Oct. 28, but appeals caused delays.

Tompkin's attorneys have asked the Florida Supreme Court to give him a stay to allow more time for DNA tests on the victim's bones and other evidence. Tests by the FBI and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement were inconclusive.

I-95 rampage followed attempt to enter hospital

JUPITER — Police in South Florida say a woman fired at drivers on Interstate-95 and bludgeoned her grandmother to death after trying to check into a psychiatric hospital in Georgia.

Amy Kern of St. Marys, Ga., is being held on two first-degree murder charges.

Kern told investigators that a state-run psychiatric hospital in Savannah, Ga., wouldn't admit her early Saturday. She then drove to South Florida.

Police say Kern intended to kill her father, but he wasn't home. She allegedly stole a gun from his house and fired at other drivers on her way to an aunt's home in Palm Beach Gardens.

According to police,

PLEASE SEE **LOCAL** ON A4

Power of love

Despite limited budgets, students still celebrating

JANELLE KUEHNERT, JESSICA GILLESPIE & NICOLAS D'AMBRA
Contributing Writers

With the economy in a slump, college expenses rising, and pressure to save money, some UCF students plan to scale back their spending this Valentine's Day.

After all, they say, it's the thought that counts.

"I don't have a job, and I have applied to a million places and just can't get one," Kailyn Potter, an event management major, said. "I'm not really spending a lot on presents."

Potter said she set a \$15 limit on gifts this year.

Valentine's Day has been dubbed a "Hallmark Holiday" because of the surge in card and gift sales. According to History.com, 188 million cards are exchanged annually, making Feb. 14 the second most popular greeting-card-giving occasion after Christmas.

For the bargain-conscious, Publix is selling a dozen red roses for \$14.99. More elaborate bouquets at flower shops can run as high as \$90 for a dozen red roses.

Gourmet chocolates, another Valentine's Day tradition, can range from \$10 for a box of Russell Stover at Walgreen's to \$90 for a large heart-shaped box of Godiva chocolates at a specialty store.

"Love knows no recession," said J. Foster of Farris and Foster's Famous Chocolate Company, which is offering a pound of chocolate-covered strawberries for \$14.95. Peterbrooke Chocolatier's assorted chocolate baskets range from about \$16 to \$30.

"I'm really



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Matt Melvin, a sophomore biology major, shopped for a Valentine's gift for his mother. Kayla Wilbanks, also a sophomore biology major helped and shopped for her grandfather.

More Coverage

UCF has many events you and your sweetie can go for this weekend's Valentine's Day.

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surprised," Foster said. "Christmas was slightly down and we expected January to be, but February has been huge for us."

Sophomore T.J. Greenaway isn't letting the economy get in the way of his romantic plans. He has booked a table at the upscale Texas de Brazil on International Drive and intends to add all the Valentine's Day trimmings.

"Every guy should get a date flowers and chocolates," he said.

Business major Christina Busch said she is willing to spend about \$50 on her boyfriend.

"I will probably just buy him a card and some candy and make him homemade cookies," she said.

Trisha Davis, 18, also plans to give her boyfriend a card and some candy.

She said the current economic situation limits what she can get him, adding that

she will only spend about \$20. "I spent a lot for the holidays, and I'm already planning his birthday," she said.

For business major Joe Lebowitz money is also a consideration.

"The economic situation is affecting my Valentine's Day because I don't have the money to do any spending on going out to eat," Lebowitz said. "I try to limit it to one or two nights a week."

Freshman Justin Howe, 18, also said the economic slump has limited his choice of activities this year.

But not everyone sees Valentine's Day as a couples date night. English major Matt Ouellette, 21, is having an anti-Valentine's Day party Saturday. He thinks it's a holiday based on love, and he should spend it with all the people he loves instead of trying to impress just one person.

"My birthday's on Feb. 20, and I was going to be busy that weekend, so my friend was like 'Hey, why not have an anti-Valentine's Day party in addition to your birthday,'" Ouellette said. "It snowballed from there."

Contributing to this report: Nicole Lauber and Hannah Mobarekeh.



LOCAL WEATHER



Today
PARTLY CLOUDY
High: 81°
Low: 62°

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Partly cloudy skies. Warm. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.



Thursday
PARTLY CLOUDY
High: 79°
Low: 54°

Friday
PARTLY CLOUDY
High: 77°
Low: 58°

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Senate passes stimulus; bank help revealed

TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved President Barack Obama's giant economic stimulus measure on Tuesday, part of a string of powerful government steps that could marshal close to \$3 trillion in taxpayer and private money to revive the collapsing national economy.

The 61-37 vote by the Senate was a key victory for the president but sets up difficult negotiations with the House, which passed a slightly different version than the \$838 billion bill approved Tuesday.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., vowed to send a finished bill to Obama's desk "as soon as possible."

Obama, who was in Fort Myers, Fla., promot-

ing his economic rescue efforts, welcomed the vote as "good news. ... It's a good start."

It came shortly after the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve moved to commit colossal sums of money to help thaw credit markets and slow layoffs that have left 3.6 million Americans unemployed.

It was a historic day of emergency federal action, but Wall Street didn't seem impressed. The Dow Jones industrials were down more than 300 points in afternoon trading.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner outlined few details of how the Obama administration would spend the remaining \$350 billion of the \$700 billion bank bailout program started last fall under President George W. Bush. He also announced a



Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., walks off the Senate floor on Capitol Hill Tuesday after the Senate approved the stimulus plan.

new public-private partnership to help strengthen banks.

"Critical parts of our financial system are damaged," Geithner said. "The financial system is work-

ing against recovery and that's the dangerous dynamic we need to change."

Added to the congressional stimulus plan, which aims to create jobs

and get Americans spending again, the total of these combined efforts could easily pass \$2 trillion.

Then, in a related government commitment of financial support, the Fed-

eral Reserve broadened a program designed to boost resources for consumer credit and small business loans — from \$200 billion to up to \$1 trillion.

Obama kept up his dawn-to-dusk efforts to sell his new administration's rescue plan, flying to Fort Myers, Fla., a city especially hard hit by mortgage foreclosures.

"I believe in hope, but I also believe in action," he told a town-hall meeting in Fort Myers.

Geithner's details on some aspects of the new plan were sparse. He said little about how the new public-private partnership would actually work to encourage hedge funds and other investors to buy toxic securities now clogging bank balance sheets.

Later, he told CNBC the administration wants "to be careful to get this right."

Women feel empowered to share

FROM A1

time as one way to analyze the mass genocide," she said. "Before then, it has always been evident that gender was subordinate during the holocaust. A person's race was obviously first that mattered."

Baskin said that it was not until recently that women were confident enough to come forth with their stories, especially with how patriarchal society was in Germany and Poland.

"Women have never felt as empowered as they do now to write and discuss what happened to them during this time," she said.

When Baskin asked the audience about the female who wrote her story during the Holocaust, students immediately answered with *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

"A girl may have written this, but it has a male perspective," Baskin said. "Anne Frank died during the holocaust, and her father editing her diary before letting others read it, it gives a male's viewpoint on this period in history, not so much a woman's."

Baskin made note of what Jewish women went through that men did not have to deal with during the holocaust.

"One study that comes forth is women and their children," she said. "There



Judith Baskin speaks to a classroom full of listeners on the "Four Approaches to Studying Women in Jewish History" on Tuesday. Baskin is a humanities professor at the University of Oregon and director of Judaic studies.

was little they could do for them in concentration camps. As time went on,

they were increasingly unable to help. Some women had to desert their

children, and they overall had to make terrible choices."

Tim Mayer, a junior molecular biology and microbiology major, said that it is important to have someone speak with a different outlook on the holocaust.

"It's an important topic that focuses on something different," Mayer said. "When we study who survived, it's mainly men that give their word. It's good to hear a different viewpoint."

Alex Tsakanikas, a junior interdisciplinary studies major, echoes Mayer's sentiments.

"It's always 'he said this,' or 'he said that' about the holocaust," Tsakanikas said. "It's great to hear a woman's standpoint."

Baskin is the head of the religious studies department and the director of the Harold Schnitzer Family Program at the University of Oregon. She also served as president of the Association for Jewish Studies and has been on the board of directors for AJS since 1998.

Baskin has published articles, books and reviews relating to Judaic studies, women's studies and medieval studies.

"I'm glad to bring a high visibility on this topic to students," Baskin said. "Hopefully it will bring more great discoveries in Judaic studies."

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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Kern shot her aunt's boyfriend before driving to Jupiter and beating her grandmother to death with a tire iron.

Kern's fiancé says the 30-year-old mother of an infant "made every attempt she could to get help."

DCF to start tracking parents participation in treatment

WEST PALM BEACH — The state Department of Children & Families is tracking parents referred to treatment programs in Palm Beach County to see if their families actually attend.

DCF often refers parents to programs for drug abuse, domestic violence and parenting skills. A new computer system will allow investigators to check whether the programs accepted the family and if the parents are participating. The system will alert investigators if a case needs attention.

Officials hope the system will eventually show them which programs are working or keeping a family from being reported for abuse or neglect.

Woman pleads guilty in court for taking baby from hospital

SANFORD — A woman accused of stealing a newborn from a central Florida hospital pleaded guilty before attorneys could make opening statements at her trial.

Jennifer Latham faced a sentence of nine years to life if she was convicted of kidnapping and burglary charges. Public defender Tim Caudill said Tuesday that Latham did not make a plea deal with prosecutors.

Caudill says Latham's sentencing is set for March 4.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

PSU cites saving money for going trayless a year ago

PLYMOUTH, N.H. — Plymouth State University says getting rid of dining trays a year ago in its main dining hall has saved food, energy and water and provided a teaching moment.

Plymouth State says it has saved nearly \$160,000, in large part by cutting about 35 tons of food in the past year.

Going trayless means students carry food on plates only, which can discourage taking more food than needed. The goal was to reduce waste and save money on everything from electricity to water and cleaning chemicals, while educating students about making smarter and healthier food choices.

Chris Mongeon, general manager of dining services, said compared to the previous year, the average meal cost was reduced from \$2.61 to \$2.40, saving more than \$110,000. The school says the other savings push the figure to just below \$160,000.

Thousands march in Paris against university reform

PARIS — Thousands of students, researchers and professors have taken to the streets of Paris in the latest of a series of marches protesting against university reforms.

Protesters are demanding the government scrap plans to cut 900 university-level jobs and increase scholarship funds in the face of the economic crisis.

The layoffs are part of President Nicolas Sarkozy's broad plans to cut costs and bureaucracy at government-run universities and schools.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



A firetruck reacts after subduing a fire in Healesville, Australia, on Tuesday. Officials believe arson may be behind at least some of the more than 400 fires.

Australian official: Wildfire death toll will pass 200

HEALESVILLE, Australia — Authorities searching for answers to the carnage from the worst wildfires in Australia's history said Tuesday they would rethink policies that allow residents to decide for themselves whether to evacuate their homes. An official said he expected the death toll to exceed 200.

Authorities defended their preparation and actions during the fires that swept unchecked across southeastern Australia last weekend, saying the weather conditions were so extreme that it was almost impossible to avoid some level of catastrophe. The official death toll currently stands at 181.

But they agreed all current policies would have to be reviewed to prevent a similar disaster from happening again.

Teams moving into towns burned out by the inferno found charred bodies on roadsides and in crashed cars — grim signs of futile attempts to flee raging wildfires fed by 60 mph (100 kph) winds, record heat and drought.

On Tuesday evening, Victoria state Premier John Brumby said the coroner had identified another 50 bodies that had not been counted in the official death toll.

"This is going to be a significant number, it will exceed 200 deaths," Brumby said.

Man shoots self after 3-hour car chase with LA Police

LOS ANGELES — An assault suspect led Los Angeles police on a chase in a luxury sedan for more than three hours before shooting himself in the head as he sat in the car surrounded by armed officers, police said. He died hours later.

The man, whose identity was not immediately released, died early Tuesday at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Sgt. Ernest Fisher said.

The low-speed pursuit covered several Southern California freeways Monday night before the man came to a stop on a street near Universal Studios very close to where the chase began.

About 90 minutes later, television news video showed three large armored vehicles surround the car and SWAT team members approach it with guns drawn. They broke the white sedan's passenger window and opened the door, but the man had already shot himself.

Police said the man was suspected of assault with a deadly weapon on his girlfriend. They also suspected from the start of the chase that he was armed.

The chase began shortly before 8 p.m. Monday night, Los Angeles police Officer Karen Smith said.

Driving less than 40 mph, the man behind the wheel of the \$100,000-plus car began leading officers southbound on U.S. 101 through Hollywood, and kept heading south on different freeways nearly to the coast, then headed back north before stopping on Lankershim Boulevard near a well-lit Toyota dealership.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

GM to cut 10,000 salaried jobs, citing restructuring

NEW YORK — General Motors Corp. said Tuesday it will cut 10,000 salaried jobs, citing the need to restructure itself with a government deadline looming and amid some of the worst sales in the auto industry's history.

The Detroit-based automaker said it will reduce its total number of salaried workers to 63,000 from 73,000 this year. About 3,400 of GM's 29,500 salaried U.S. jobs are expected to be eliminated.

The company's statement said that the separations would be done through GM's severance plan, so there would be no buyout or early retirement packages as GM had offered in the past.

In its plan to Congress submitted late last year, GM said work force reductions would be necessary in order for it to be viable for the long term. Most of the cuts are expected to take place by May 1.

GM said the cuts will vary by global regions depending on staffing levels and market conditions.

In addition, GM said it will cut the pay of most of its salaried U.S. workers beginning May 1 and continuing at least through the end of the year at which time the pay cuts will be evaluated.

The pay of U.S. executive employees will be cut by 10 percent, while other salaried workers will see cuts of 3 percent to 7 percent, GM said.

Iranian president would welcome talks with U.S.

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's president said Tuesday the world was "entering an era of dialogue" and that his country would welcome talks with its longtime adversary, the United States, if they are based on mutual respect.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's announcement during a rally celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution comes a day after President Barack Obama said his administration was looking for opportunities to engage Iran and pledged to rethink United States' relationship with Tehran.

"The Iranian nation is ready for talks (with the U.S.) but in a fair atmosphere with mutual respect," Ahmadinejad told hundreds of thousands of Iranians at the rally, which marked the 1979 toppling of the U.S.-backed shah that brought hard-line clerics to power.

The hard-line Iranian leader said terrorism, the elimination of nuclear weapons, restructuring the U.N. Security Council and fighting drug trafficking could be topics for the two sides to talk about.

"If you really want to fight terrorism, come and cooperate with the Iranian nation, which is the biggest victim of terrorism so that terrorism is eliminated. ... If you want to confront nuclear weapons ... you need to stand beside Iran so it can introduce a correct path to you," he said.

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•UCF Arena Bobby Vinton 7:30 p.m., two tickets are free for each UCF student.

Free Events

•Valentine's Day Concert - The UCF Symphony Orchestra at St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Oviedo; 7 p.m.
•Sculpture Gardens - Watch local artists paint and sculpt throughout the gardens at the Albin Polasek Museum, Winter Park for the United Arts of Central Florida; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
•Picnic in the Park - Pack a lunch and enjoy a stroll around Downtown Orlando's Lake Eola.
•Paws in the Park at Lake Eola - fun and games for you and your dog with donations benefiting the SPCA of Central Florida. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
•Human Heart - join hands in creating the world's largest heart, Loch Haven Park, next to the Mennello Museum, 900 E. Princeton St., Orlando, 2:10 p.m.-2:15 p.m., then stroll through the museum grounds.
•Orlando Folk Festival - Live music, arts and Valentine's Day crafts at the Orlando Folk Festival, Lake Formosa from 10 a.m.
•Kiss-Im-Mee - Run around Lake Tohopekaliga in Kissimmee at 7:30 p.m. to raise awareness for the American Heart Association. Awards for best Valentine's Day outfit. For information, call 407-846-4643.

Off-Campus Events

•Knight Library, 12289 University Blvd., Valentine's Day Crush Party, 2 for 1 drink specials and free shots for couples.
•Nude Nite, nude-themed art and performance art, 503 Brookhaven

Drive (near Virginia and Alden Avenue) 6 p.m.-midnight, must be 21 or older, \$20.

•Fools for Love Improv Comedy Show at 8 or 10 p.m. at SAK's comedy club \$15 solo admission, \$25 Sweetheart Special, which includes 2 bags of popcorn, 2 small drinks and candy hearts.

•Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales offers traditional romantic favorites in concert 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., free with admission to the Garden's.

•Baby Love's Disco Party Rix Lounge at Disney's Coronado Springs resort celebrates with a Valentine's Day Ball starting at 5 p.m., \$15 per adult in advance and \$18 at the door.

•Leu Garden's, outdoor concert at 7 p.m. with performances by artists such as Ricky and the Buzzcats, Julie Lyon Quartet and Beautiful Bobby Blackmon for \$20 per person. Bring picnic baskets and lawn chairs.

•Show Your Love for the 2nd Amendment at the Pasco County Gun Range with the UCF College Republicans and have a sweet old-west shootout for \$5.

•Meet Your Mate Match at The Haven Lounge starting at 4 p.m.; 2 for 1 drink specials and appetizers with a surprise for ladies!

Over budget

•Sex and the Zoo - Learn from the animals at the Central Florida Zoo, Sanford at a romantic dinner and lecture on how animals keep their species going for \$75 per couple.

•Bok Tower's Dinner Party in Lake Wales - Enjoy an elegant dinner at Pinewood estate from 6:30-8:30 p.m. reflecting on the romance of an era long past for \$150 per couple.

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In the mood - or not Songs:

•69 Love Songs by The Magnetic Fields: A three-volume album with songs ranging from "You're My Only Home" to "The Cactus Where Your Heart Should Be," this musical collection has something for all hearts - broken and whole.

•Love is Dead by The Mr. T Experience: The title says it all for this album; reserved for those bitter, home alone single.

Books:

•He's Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo is a how-to book for women on understanding men. It's a good Valentine's Day read for those who find them-

selves dateless.

•How to Build A Low-Cost Rally Car by Philip Young is a good read for guys who won't let some silly girly holiday get in the way of spending the weekend in the garage.

At the movies:

•My Bloody Valentine: if you consider bodies sliced in half, pickaxes stuck in skulls and a heart in a box of chocolates romantic, this movie could be your Valentine's Day date.

•He's Just Not That Into You: This romantic relationship comedy stars Jennifer Aniston, Ben Affleck, Scarlett Johansson and Jennifer Connolly. It's guaran-

teed to make the audience experience the same embarrassment and joy as the girls in the movie.

•Confessions of a Shopaholic: This movie follows a college grad (Isla Fisher) who becomes financial journalist in NYC where she falls in love with a wealthy entrepreneur (Hugh Dancy) and is guaranteed to pull at your heart strings.

Sentimental classics:

•Casablanca: Few movies beat this classic love story from 1942, which tops 100 best movies list.

The day after - Feb. 15:

•Music for a Heart on Cabaret \$10.

•Valentine's Big Band Dance for \$5 at Eastmonte Civic Center, Altamonte Springs.

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Old systems need upgrades

FROM A1

repair."

Webb said no additional systems will be installed, but each different academic department will have to get their own monitoring company, so if there is an actual security or panic alarm, they will contact the police department and a police officer will be dispatched.

As of now, all emergency calls made from landlines and cell phones on campus are received by UCF's on-campus police dispatch, Dellert said. They dispatch for the police and parking services and have two people on each shift. They also monitor the fire alarm systems on campus. The dispatchers will have one less source to be in charge of when the system is monitored by an outside source.

While the contract is new, Florida Fire and Sound isn't new to the UCF campus. The low-voltage systems contractor has been in business since 1985. Larry Shaffer, general manager of Florida Fire and Sound, said they have been under contract at the university since 1993 and have been the main fire alarm contractor since then.

"Some departments have security systems that may have been installed 10 years ago and some of the companies may have gone



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Loretta Webb from UCF police communications said each different academic department will have to get their own monitoring company.

out of business," Webb said. "We're going to get these systems up-to-date and running. As it stands, everyone was going out and getting different systems."

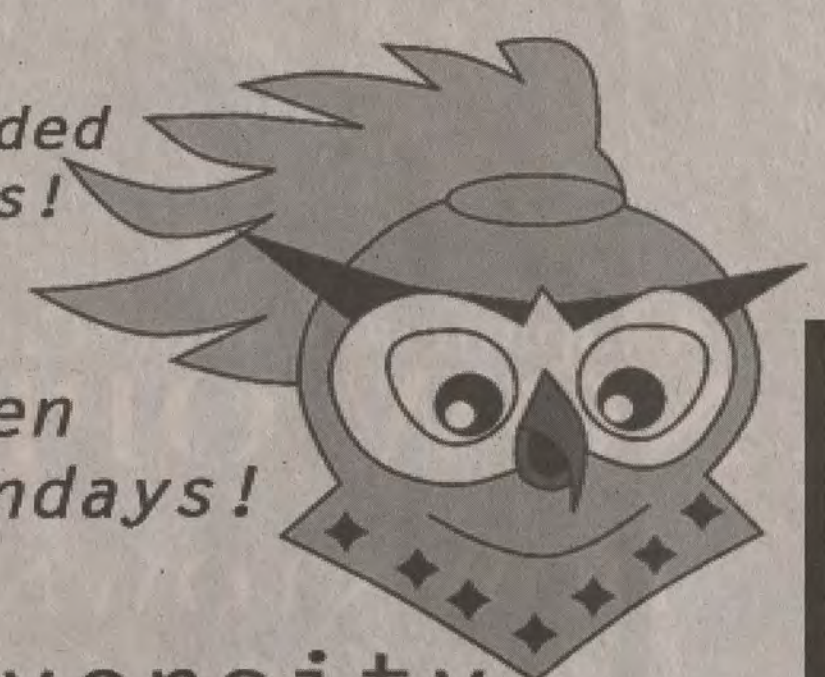
While the university has a contract with Florida Fire and Sound, some departments may choose a different security system provider, Dellert said in an e-mail.

"These companies will also be responsible for testing their alarm systems," she said. "Using outside security companies to monitor alarm systems on campus will save the university money, but more importantly, improve the safety of our

campus community."

The contract is a start to keep these systems up-to-date and operating properly, Webb said. She also said that currently, the police wouldn't know a system isn't functioning until somebody in that department performed a test. With Florida Fire and Sound monitoring the systems, UCF contacts will be informed immediately if a system malfunctions.

"From a monitoring standpoint, the company will be able to say right away if a system is down, and they'll be able to contact people to let them know they need to make some type of repair," Webb said.



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Votes may be lost next week

FROM A1

around campus.

"I am kind of focusing on my five classes right now," Chamberlain said.

Brendon Rivard, president of the UCF chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws and vice presidential candidate for SGA, said the amount of uninformed students shows the overall failure of SGA as it stands.

"I think it shows that SGA has problems communicating with students and reaching out," Rivard said. "They don't understand how to get students involved. Arbitrary everyday messages over 'Good Morning UCF' really doesn't seem to be doing the trick."

Stephen Mortellaro and Rivard, Brian Peterson and Andrick Lewis and Andrew Stein and Chace Peckham are all racing to spread their platforms and ideas to student organizations around campus.

Students can vote through myUCF Monday through Wednesday next week. The candidates will all be involved in a public debate Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Student Union.

Michael Van Diggelen, a senior finance major, wore a bright blue shirt supporting Stein and Peckham. He

had a chance to hear from candidates with his fraternity at the Vault on the corner of University Boulevard and Alafaya Trail.

"[Stein and Peckham] gave out T-shirts and told everyone what was going on and how the campaigns worked," Van Diggelen said.

Van Diggelen said he felt Greeks were interested in the SGA elections.

"I think that it's something the candidates need to work on to get the campus involved," he said.

Rivard agrees.

"I don't think it's the students' fault," he said. "I think that it's part of SGA to get them involved."

David Smarg, a sophomore chemistry major, said the SGA elections held no importance to him. He said he had not seen past candidates improvements or met them in person.

"At this point in my life, it doesn't seem to matter," he said.

Until students become informed of all the candidates' stances, many votes could be lost.

"I will probably not [vote] since I can't make a knowledgeable vote," Anglin said. "I don't know what's happening and if anything, I would just be guessing, and I think that's stupid."

More applicants vie for fewer jobs

FROM A1

Director Sean Snaith of the UCF Institute for Economic Competitiveness (IEC), a company that provides economic forecasts and analyses, said he expects there will be an increase in unemployment as more businesses close their doors, which will have an impact on smaller retailers as well. He also said layoffs in tourism and leisure are just beginning.

The International Council of Shopping Centers, a global retail and real estate research company, predicts 73,000 nationwide store closings for the first half of 2009.

While unemployment increases, employers are becoming scarce.

General Manager Nick Mangan at Uno Chicago Grill said he received about 400 applications over the summer and hired 10. This spring he said the restaurant received about 200 applications. Mangan said the positions that needed to be filled were reduced by 50 percent based on the recession.

"We fully anticipate we'll be able to make it through the recession and come back stronger," Mangan said.

Yet, businesses might be reluctant to hire new employees even after the recession.

Snaith said unemployment affects consumer psychology, which causes low spending habits. Even



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Students are finding that getting a job is difficult during the current economy.

if spending is back to normal, he said employers will not hire right away because they tend to wait until they're sure consumers are spending.

"Rising unemployment and the recession in general impact consumer psychology in a way that still affects all businesses," Snaith said. "Even if you still have a job you're worried that you might not, and that fear and that anxiety about losing your job affects your spending habits."

Low consumer spending has added to the scarcity of available positions.

According to Workforce Central Florida, in the past year the Orlando MSA has reported the most job losses with 8,300 in construction and 6,300 in retail.

Director Lynn Hansen, of UCF Career Services, said there was a 45 percent decline in the number of employers attending the Career Expo at UCF from

last year. She said 117 companies were present this year in comparison to 220 last year.

"It's certainly much more difficult now to find a job because there are hundreds of people applying for the same job," said Kimberly Cornett, vice president of Communications and Business Development of WCF.

Cornett said WCF has seen a 30 percent increase in the number of applicants.

Employees at businesses near UCF have also noticed a high rise in people coming in to ask for applications.

"We get a lot of people coming in daily looking for a job," said UCF graduate Elyse Krim, a shift leader at Cold Stone Creamery. "They're definitely out there."

Krim said every day she sees three to five people asking for applications. She also said she has been browsing for jobs in education since she graduated

last May but hasn't seen any openings.

"It's certainly much more difficult now to find a job because there are hundreds of people applying for the same job," Cornett said.

"Every little thing you do is going to have to set you apart from everyone else," she said.

The health industry is the only area where jobs are not declining, she said.

While finding a job is tough for some students, Hanson said there is still hope.

"People are discouraged thinking there are no jobs out there," Hanson said. "I'm confident people are still hiring — it's just a more competitive environment."

Circuit City employee Carolyn Snell, a UCF nursing major, said she put in effort when looking for a job and was hired on the spot at Wal-Mart.

"I found a job within three days of hearing that [Circuit City stores] are closing," said Snell.

Snaith said in comparison to other parts of Florida, Orlando is not the worst city in terms of unemployment, but he agrees it's getting worse.

According to an IEC December 2008 forecast, unemployment in Orlando and Kissimmee is expected to rise 8.5 percent in 2010 and decrease in 2011.

"In comparison to the state, Central Florida has not been hit as hard by this recession," Snaith said. "But that doesn't mean we haven't been impacted, and I think there is still more pain to come as we work ourselves through this recession."

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## schedule



**SOFTBALL**  
**NORTH FLORIDA**  
**TODAY**  
3 P.M., 5 P.M.  
(HOME)

The Knights, who did not play their final game of the Kajikawa Classic on Sunday because of rain, will bring a 1-3 record into their first home series of the season.

**VILLANOVA**  
**FRIDAY**  
3:30 P.M. (HOME)

For the second of its six consecutive games at home, UCF will take on the Wildcats.

**TEXAS-ARLINGTON**  
**FRIDAY**  
5:30 P.M. (HOME)

The Knights host the Mavericks, who will play their first games of the season Friday.



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**UTEP**  
**TODAY**  
9:05 P.M. (AWAY)

Coming off two consecutive double-digit losses, UCF will try to get back to its winning ways when it heads to El Paso, Texas, to take on the Miners, who are 7-3 at home this season.



**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**  
**FRIDAY**  
2 P.M. (HOME)

After three consecutive matches on the road, the Knights return to the UCF Tennis Complex for the first of five consecutive home matches.



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**MARSHALL**  
**FRIDAY**  
7 P.M. (AWAY)

After four consecutive victories at the UCF Arena, the Knights hit the road for four consecutive road games, starting against the Thundering Herd.

# UTEP NO MINOR THREAT



UTEP guard Stefon Jackson, who broke the Conference USA all-time scoring record Jan. 31 against Southern Miss, is putting up 22.6 points per game, which is the largest total in the league for anyone not named Jermaine Taylor, the UCF guard. Jackson and teammate Randy Culpepper combine for 41 points a game.

## UCF travels to El Paso, Texas, looking to snap out of its slump

**PADRICK BREWER**  
Sports Editor

With his team dealing with two consecutive losses by double digits, UCF Men's Basketball head coach Kirk Speraw thinks that it may not be such a good idea to head out west.

"It's not the time to be going to El Paso," Speraw said of the



Jermaine Taylor has scored 20 points in 7 consecutive games.

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Knights' matchup against the Miners to night. "It'll be a hard trip."

An already difficult trip may be a little harder if the Knights are without freshman guard A.J. Rompza.

Rompza, who was injured in the loss to Houston and did not play in the loss to East Carolina, is unlikely to play tonight against the Miners.

"We'll see how he makes progress from day to day," Speraw said Monday before the team's video session, "but it doesn't look real good for Wednesday, and I'm not sure it looks real great for Saturday."

Rompza has been a huge part of the Knights' success on both sides of the ball, and his defensive

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prowess is something the Knights will miss in El Paso.

The Miners have the second-highest scoring average in Conference USA and feature two of the top five scorers in the league in guards Stefon Jackson and Randy Culpepper.

Culpepper, who has started half of UTEP's 22 games this season, is the team's most consistent 3-point shooter, and he is scoring 18.4 points per game.

And then there is Jackson, who

PLEASE SEE **COACH** ON A9



**PADRICK BREWER**  
Sports Editor

## Steroid admissions no longer surprising

Stop the presses, another baseball player used steroids.

On Saturday, *Sports Illustrated*, using four unnamed sources, broke the story that three-time MVP Alex Rodriguez used steroids during his 2003 MVP season with the Texas Rangers.

Shocking, I know.

In an interview Monday with ESPN's Peter Gammons, Rodriguez sort-of, kind-of admitted to using a "banned substance," which is more than most any other ballplayer has done so soon after being confronted with steroid allegations.

He said he used from 2001-03 because he was naive, young and stupid.

Here are my problems with that: In 2001, he was about my age, 24, which is not that young, and he had been in the league for eight years, which would make it pretty hard to be naive.

And then he and his agent, Scott Boras, got Texas owner Tom Hicks to outbid himself and guarantee Rodriguez \$252 million, which doesn't sound too dumb to me.

But really, behind all the excuses and explanations, there is one inexorable truth: It doesn't matter.

Jay Mariotti already has his column penned about how A-Fraud has let down the entire baseball community, as if the sanctity of the sport somehow lies on Rodriguez's shoulders.

And I am sure there are a good number of people who agree with at least the crux of that argument, which is that Rodriguez's admission has once again set baseball back.

But that point is off-base.

How many times do we hear about how no one man or woman is bigger than the game?

It's become standard procedure to insist that no one, not even a once-in-a-generation talent such as Rodriguez, is bigger than the team he or she plays for or the sport he or she plays in, despite any evidence to the contrary.

It's why we are supposed to believe that the UCF Men's Basketball team is more than the wildly talented Jermaine Taylor or why the women's team doesn't revolve around Emma Cannon or Chelsie Wiley.

It's why softball losing Allison Kime or football losing Kevin Smith is only supposed to be tangentially important: These players play team sports, and

PLEASE SEE **A-ROD'S** ON A8

### Women's basketball

## UCF level-headed during win streak

**ALLEN LEVIN**  
Staff Writer

What a difference one year can make.

The UCF Women's Basketball team has had an outstanding one-year turnaround that has transformed them from pretenders to contenders.

They are currently sitting with an 8-2 Conference USA record, which gives them sole possession of second place. That is a far cry from last year's 3-13 conference record.

The remarkable one-year turnaround can be attributed to the maturing of the team, their excellent home floor play and the improved play of Emma Cannon, Chelsie Wiley and Angelica Mealing.

### NEWS TO NOTE

#### THE FORMIDABLE FIVE

Forwards Emma Cannon (33.6) and Amber Kirkpatrick (26.9), and guards Angelica Mealing (25.8), Chelsie Wiley (33.1) and Aisha Patrick (34.6) have become the main unit for the Knights, and they are all averaging more than 25 minutes per game in conference play.

The Knights are hitting on all cylinders right now.

They are riding a four-game winning streak and are starting to gel as a team.

They're a young team that is starting to click and understand how to play together.

"They're excited about their recent success, but they

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### Softball

## Knights start homestand

**CARLOS PINEDA**  
Contributing Writer

After a 1-3 start in its opening tournament, today the UCF Softball team returns to the friendly confines of the UCF Softball Complex where last season the Knights had a 24-9 record at home.

The Knights take on the 1-4 UNF Ospreys today in a doubleheader to open up a stretch in which they will play 18 of their next 19 games at home. UCF will look to put the Kajikawa Classic behind them with a pair of wins against UNF, a team which the Knights are 3-1 all time against.

Junior outfielder Morgan Bullard said the key for the Knights is to learn from the losses.

"Take it day by day," Bullard said. "It's a learning



UCF outfielder Morgan Bullard, seen in this archive photo against Illinois State, was 3-for-5 in the two games she played in the Kajikawa Classic.

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experience. Our pitching staff is young. We're just going to back up our pitchers as best we can."

"Last year, pitching was our strong point," Bullard

added. "Now, this year, we have to all work together, hitting-wise and defensive-wise."

UCF got off to a rocky start, losing three of its four games in Tempe, Ariz.

PLEASE SEE **UCF** ON A9



# Knights' bench as crucial to wins as starting five

FROM A7

understand how focused they have to stay," said assistant coach Greg Brown, who coaches the post players. "We talk about how a few possessions can go one way or the other, and we can be 10-0 or 8-8. That's the mentality we're using."

"We are just trying to get better. With this many young players, that's what we have to focus on."

In addition to their current four-game winning streak, UCF has won six consecutive home games, the longest such streak in the program since 2004-05, and all of them have come in league play.

With their unblemished home C-USA record has come other outstanding numbers. In the UCF Arena against conference foes, they are averaging 75 points per game while hitting 42 percent of their 3-pointers and 76.6 percent of their free throws.

"This is the first time UCF Women's Basketball

has had this record," Cannon said. "It's up to us to keep it going. We feel like we're doing real good in the conference right now, so we just want to keep it going."

Cannon's stellar play has been another large reason for the team's recent success.

She was named C-USA Player of the Week for the second time this season after posting 14.5 points and 14.5 rebounds in two conference games last week.

She also had a 20-rebound effort against SMU on Saturday, and she now leads C-USA in rebounds per game with 10.7.

"I feel like I am helping my team out a lot," Cannon said. "I do what I can to help them out. Everything I do is for them. Although it's great to win Player of the Week, you can't just be happy with that. You need more than that."

Although Cannon is putting up big numbers for the Knights, the team's success also has occurred because of the maturation of other

key players such as Wiley and Mealing.

Wiley is the team's second leading scorer with 13.8 points per game, including 16 points per game in conference play. She also leads the team in 3-pointers and has hit 50.6 percent of her shots overall at home.

Mealing has become an effective point guard for UCF, has led the offense efficiently and has come up big in the clutch.

She has hit 20-of-22 free throws at the UCF Arena in conference play and is averaging 2.8 assists per game, which is second on the team.

The Knights well-rounded attack has really been the story of their success. They have two players averaging in double figures, have a strong bench and are playing as a cohesive unit.

"I think them (Wiley, Mealing, Cannon) being on the floor together is working very well," Brown said. "But the good thing we've seen in our game is when



Guard Angelica Mealing, seen here against Marshall on Jan. 31, has hit 20-of-22 free throws at home in league play.

someone has an off night or the defense adjusts, we have had players come and give us great minutes off the bench. From D'Nay Daniels to Marshay White, all of them have

come on."

UCF will look to continue their success as they embark on a huge four-game road trip that will start with Marshall on Friday at 7 p.m.

"It's going to be important for us," Brown said. "The ability to stay focused and the ability to continue to get better will be huge during this (road trip)."

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## A-Rod's flaw: He's human

FROM A7

there is no I in team.

That means that Rodriguez, for all his glory, all his awesomeness and all his outstanding achievements, is just another baseball player.

And his admission proves that. He is just another athlete, drawn into the world of cheating because he or she was trying to be the best, trying to keep up with the Joneses.

In his interview, Rodriguez talked about how "stupid" he was, and said the more honest people are, the quicker everyone can "get baseball [back] to where it needs to be."

But contrary to the

musings of Dr. Emmett Brown, the writers for *Lost* and Ashton Kutcher's character in *Butterfly Effect*, you cannot go backward in time.

Baseball is never going to return to what it used to be, whatever that really was.

Steroids have become a part of baseball, as has the slow, trickling release of the names of those who use them.

I was watching *SportsCenter* on Monday, and I caught the tail end of a piece featuring baseball writer Tim Kurkjian.

He said this is only the beginning of this saga. There is more to come, and then there are the other 103 names on the list Rodriguez was on.

Odds are, your favorite modern-day athlete has put something in his or her body that was not supposed to be there. That sounds a little gross, but what I'm talking about is that the steroid cloud over everyone's head, and it has been there for more than 10 years.

Unless your favorite athlete is Craig Counsell, and maybe even then, your idol could have been tainting his or her performance.

But what is important to remember is that for all his greatness, at his core, Rodriguez is no different than any of those other athletes, and that is neither revealing nor sad.

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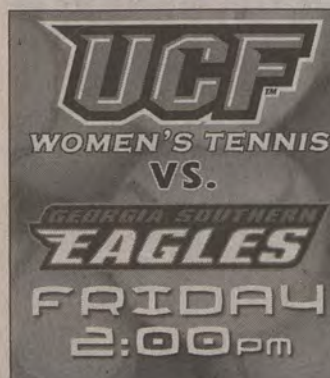
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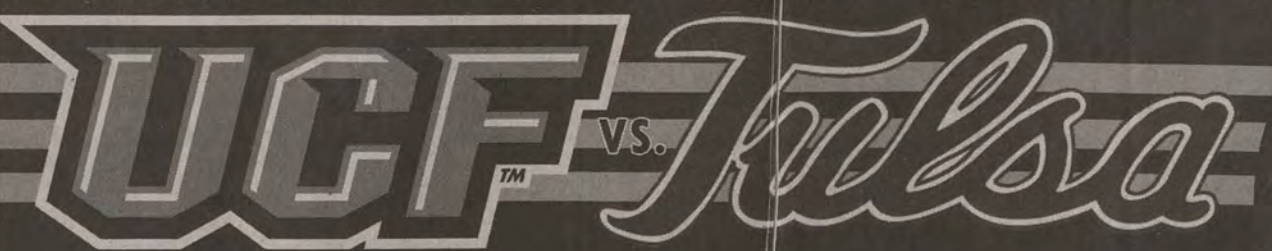
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# Coach: We've got to be able to bounce back

FROM A7

became C-USA's all-time leading scorer Jan. 31 and has averaged more than 18 points per game for each of the past three seasons.

"They're one of the two best players in the conference," UCF forward Tony Davis said. "That's going to be a tough matchup right there."

The Knights have had tough times recently on defense, from Houston's Aubrey Coleman scoring 30 last Wednesday to East Carolina shooting 63 percent as a team on Saturday.

"East Carolina played lights out," Speraw said of the Pirates' shooting Saturday. "As their coach said, he said that's about as well as they can play, and it was."

Guard Taylor Young will have to hold down more responsibilities on the defensive end.

Taylor teamed with Isaac Sosa as the starting guards, and Taylor said getting back to the team's winning ways requires better effort.

"It's a team thing," Young said. "Everyone's got to step up collectively. I'm not going to be doing things that I haven't been doing all year, in his absence. Everyone's just got to step up collectively and we've really just got to come together."

Speraw said there's not a lack of effort on the team, the Knights just need to be more aggressive.

"You don't get that many offensive rebounds if you're not working," Speraw said of the team's 25 offensive rebounds against ECU. "So our guys were working, but we've got to get back to being sound in our positioning defensively and elevating our intensity and aggressiveness just a notch."



UCF freshman guard Isaac Sosa, seen here guarding Holy Cross' Devin Brown on Jan. 6, started against East Carolina in place of the injured A.J. Rompza.

siveness just a notch.

"But there's a combination of the two that we have to correct, and we will."

The intensity will not only be needed against Jackson and Culpepper, but also against UTEP forward Kareem Cooper, who is fourth on the team in

both points and rebounds.

Speraw said Cooper is playing the best basketball that he has seen him play.

Cooper, a 7-foot center, will not be the only problem for the Knights on the inside.

Cooper teams up with Arnett Moultrie, a 6-foot-11-inch freshman forward

who has started 20 games this season.

Moultrie is fifth in the conference in rebounding, and his 3.2 offensive rebounds per game are second in the league.

Dealing with two high-scoring guards and two physical post players, Young said the team just needs to focus on its defense, and success will come.

"We gotta get back to what we were doing," Young said. "Defensively, we had some trust issues. We're not trusting the positions, we're not in the positions, it's just a little bit of effort. We're just not over the top, we're not sound like we need to be and we need to get back there."

But the Knights also need to score, something they have had trouble with

in the past two losses. Against the Pirates, guard Jermaine Taylor, the seventh-leading scorer in the country, had a slow start, which, Young said, is something the team needs to be prepared for.

"J.T.'s an incredible scorer," Young said. "And when he's not hitting, we gotta continue to go inside, we gotta play inside and out in the forefront, no matter whether he's hitting or not."

For Speraw, he said the team has to show it can forget the results of the past two losses and get back to doing what he knows they can do.

"We've got to be able to bounce back," Speraw said. "Not get too down on ourselves, just correct some of the little things we're doing wrong and go battling."

## UCF works to fix pitching troubles

FROM A7

The team had the day off Monday but was back on the diamond Tuesday as it prepared for the Ospreys.

Right before the start of Tuesday's practice, UCF head coach Renee Luers-Gillispie sat the girls down in the dugout and asked them to list something they could work on during that the practice session.

"We're working hard at practice," freshman outfielder Vanessa Perez said. "We're getting at the things we did wrong. We focused on what our opponent is like."

But some of the focus was on what the Knights did right.

During the season-opening tournament, senior first baseman Breanne Javier was 6-for-11 with a double and two RBIs.

Her .545 batting average is third on the team, but it ranks first among players who played in all four games.

Sophomore catcher Abby McClain was also one of the better Knights at the plater, going 5-for-13 with 3 runs scored.

Perez went 4-for-11 from the plate with a home run, three RBIs and 2 runs scored.

Both junior third baseman Hillary Barrow and freshman second baseman Natalie Land added to the UCF run totals during the weekend. Each

had a home run and four RBIs during the four-game stretch.

But even with the hot bats of several players, the Knights were still outplayed at the plate.

The Knights were out-hit 43-30 and outscored 37-20, something they are aware that they need to improve upon.

"Obviously, we had a lot of runs scored on us," McClain said. "In [Tuesday's] practice, we learned how to get movement on the pitches."

Pitching for the Knights is something they look to get better at against the Ospreys.

During the weekend, senior Magon Paul pitched in 9.1 innings, giving up 7 earned runs on 11 hits, with six walks and three strikeouts.

Junior Kristina DeMello pitched 7.1 innings, giving up 11 earned runs on 18 hits. She walked 6 batters and struck out five.

Junior Asleigh Cole was on the mound for 4 innings, allowing 7 earned runs on 7 hits. She struck out two, walked four.

Diana Rojas pitched 3.1 innings, giving up 10 earned runs on 10 hits. She walked 6, struck out 3, and had a 21.00 ERA.

The Knights look to get on the winning side of the fence with their two games today. With good pitching and quick bat UCF looks to light up the UCF Softball Complex.

## And aloha means goodbye



Former UCF receiver Brandon Marshall dives after making a catch in the Pro Bowl on Sunday, the final one played in Hawaii. Marshall had five catches for 44 yards in the game, which the AFC lost 30-21 to the NFC.

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# UCF finally gets some star power

Former President Bill Clinton, actor Kal Penn, Gen. John Abizaid, some pretty influential people have strolled through UCF.

Besides the obvious vanity that comes over us as more and more big names grace the campus with their presence, we have developed a distinct importance in Central Florida. It's a sign of the increasing impetus for UCF to expand its name and shove its accomplishments into the limelight.

So what's the deal with Central Florida? What do the big names see here?

We don't really need to look much further than our own campus. Easy to overlook because we're always coming and going, UCF really is an enormous institution, which boasts 157 buildings sprawled across a plot of more than 1,400 acres. The University of Florida and University of South Florida have more buildings and acreage, but neither has quite the population that UCF does.

Observing the greatest part of our up-and-coming university only comes by observing the big picture. If you sit up close and try to look at individual attributes, you'll lose your sight trying to find something special. Academics here are decent and our sports teams hang with the pack, but the truth is we don't have the same

first-born gusto that other state schools like UF have.

It's cool though, because UCF is like that nagging younger brother that persistently vies to prove himself among his bigger brothers.

If you haven't talked smack about UF and USF, about how they're washed up and old news then — well let's not kid, of course you have.

UCF students have a real drive to show up other schools, and if you don't believe it, go to any sports contest.

How about when Memphis came down to the Dungeon weeks ago? Poor A.J. Rompza could hardly lift his head up high enough to keep eye contact with the Memphis guards. Even so we gave them a brutal fight down to the last few minutes. If you had the opportunity to leave the game with the Rowdy Knights, you would have thought we won.

Maybe it's word about those kinds of feats that get the big names curious about Central Florida.

After the game, Memphis' coach only had praise for the Knights' basketball program and our fan base. UCF has got a certain something that most schools don't, and the best way to get a fix on that something is to admire the bigger picture.

Snapshot considered, the celebrities keep pouring in. Tiger Woods, Derek Jeter

and Reggie Bush are no small-timers. The group came along to promote Gillette-EA SPORTS champions of gaming event, but it was the UCF Arena the companies picked for an event to be aired on SpikeTV.

The UCF Arena is a haven for superstars and just about steals some of the thunder from the Amway Arena downtown. With it, UCF can now host some of the most acclaimed musicians, comedians and performers, only adding to the list of those who have come before.

Little by little, while construction begins to clear and the dust starts getting swept away, celebrities and prominent figures will only be more inclined to make stops at UCF.

The more eyes cast on the institution, the better, and our academic profiles can benefit from the amount of exposure UCF is earning itself over time.

As big names find their way down through Central Florida, we'll eventually shed the stigma of being the largest school nobody knows about.

Maybe someday off in the near future we'll overshadow those worn-out schools and prove that we've got more than an upcoming medical school and some shiny certificates. We're throwing the party to be at. Party in an academic sense, of course.



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## Freebies during SGA elections need to stop

T-shirts and pizza will begin to pour like rain this week outside the Student Union.

Students will vote to acquire all sorts of goodies but more than half of them don't even know what they're voting for.

In the Student Government's election statutes, a bribe is defined as "a prize, reward, gift or favor bestowed or promised with a view to influence the action of another to vote for a particular candidate/ticket." A few clicks down on their Web site you can read the ethics code that states that no candidate or ticket should commit or attempt bribes.

By the organization's own definition, campaigns might be breaking this rule when they hand out pizza and T-shirts to students in return for a vote.

In any election, no solicitation for any candidate is allowed to be within 100 feet of a polling place because it's deemed unfair.

Such actions would be considered illegal and the violator can be subject to criminal prosecution.

After you grab that pizza you may find that SGA candidate about 10 inches away from you while you check your candidate choice.

Uncomfortable isn't it? SGA is obviously modeled after the federal government and works as a good experience for those who wish to go into politics after they



**NATALIE MORERA**  
Editor-in-Chief

receive their degree. If we want to provide the best learning environment possible for these future politicians, where are the ethics?

Campaigns should be held to the most realistic standard possible even at the university level.

Our school isn't small. There are 50,000 people affected. That's bigger than some towns in the U.S.,

who follow the same regulations. Obviously, I'm not calling for those standing next to the laptops to get arrested, but SGA needs to set a standard.

If we want to teach them to be good politicians and law-abiding citizens, teach them to stand 100 feet away from those laptops.

The laptops should be kept in designated areas outside or inside the Student Union and around campus, and those campaigners should be nowhere near them.

I know student participation in SGA is low already, even when the shirts and the food are handed out, but when does quantity ever outshine quality?

Those in SGA will probably argue that a pizza slice doesn't necessarily mean they have to vote for the campaign. It's true. That person can get a slice from one candidate and vote for the other.

But when that student knows nothing about the elections, chances are they're going to go where the pizza fumes take them.

## Veterans group long overdue

Often forgotten in the course of unpopular or controversial wars, present U.S. efforts included, are the young men and women who serve our nation abroad. Easier still for some civilians of college age to forget is that those men and women are also members of their age group.

For some here at UCF and for many college students across the nation, the choice between staying in school and serving in the military likely presents a difficult decision.

For those who return from military service and enroll in college, switching from soldier to student can be a difficult transition — one that the average student, the average adviser or the average counselor without a military background may not understand. But who could better understand the trials and tribulations of student veterans than their peers?

The Student Veterans Association, recently made an official student organization by the Student Government Association, represents a great opportunity for veterans studying at UCF to help each other through that transition.

Stories of former soldiers struggling to return to civilian life are unfortunately quite common, as are stories of former soldiers who feel unprepared for the lack of structure that university life brings.

Financial assistance programs, such as the GI Bill, help student veterans to finance their education when their service is completed.

Nevertheless, college

graduation rates among student veterans have been much lower than overall graduation rates of late:

Three percent of student veterans who entered the university system in 1995 graduated by 2001 compared to 30 percent overall, according to the most recent data from the Department of Education. This is a disconcerting notion considering that many people join the military in part to help pay for college.

Clearly, many student veterans are in need of more than financial help. Organizations like the student veterans represent an opportunity to receive both counseling and advocacy in a way that might help to bridge that gap.

And really, who could deserve such an organization more than the people who fight in the defense of their nation?

The Student Veterans of America, the parent organization for UCF's student veterans, brings together student-veteran groups from across the nation in order to facilitate communication and strengthen advocacy on issues that affect veterans attending college.

Now, thanks to some of UCF's own student veterans, all veterans attending this university have the opportunity to unite for common causes and to benefit from the experiences of other students who also walked a mile in a soldier's boots.

UCF became the fifth Florida university to officially recognize an SVA branch, and considering the school enrolls more veterans on the GI Bill than all but 17 universities in this country, accord-

ing to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, that move fits squarely into the category of things long overdue.

But SGA and the students responsible for the SVA at UCF still deserve credit for recognizing a problem that affects so many students who have sacrificed so much.

In the coming weeks, as the SGA presidential elections ramp up, it's likely that criticism of the current embodiment of that organization will also be on the rise.

Many of the complaints and concerns will likely be justified, others won't; however, there's no doubt that one of the more popular rhetorical techniques for those looking to take power is to point out what those in power have done wrong.

It's important to recognize those bad decisions of the past, but only those who can recognize the positive should feel justified in pointing out the negative.

Sure, it probably wasn't a tough decision to make. Fine, the "official" designation is really more of a formality for a group that has been active at UCF for some time.

But by recognizing the Student Veterans Association, SGA made a move that was truly positive, and that could very well help many UCF student veterans for years to come.

So, before the pre-election finger-pointing commences — or resumes, for those who got an early start — let's give SGA and the SVA a round of applause for trying to give help to those brave men and women who have truly earned it.



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|                            | Rate |                          | Rate |
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| 100 Help Wanted: General   | C    | 325 For Sale: Automotive | B    |
| 125 Help Wanted: Part-Time | C    | 350 For Sale: General    | A    |
| 150 Help Wanted: Full-Time | C    | 375 For Sale: Pets       | A    |
| 175 Business Opportunities | B    | 400 Services             | B    |
| 200 For Rent: Homes        | B    | 500 Announcements        | A    |
| 225 For Rent: Apartments   | B    | 600 Travel               | B    |
| 250 Roommates              | A    | 700 Worship              | B    |
| 275 Sublease               | A    | 800 Miscellaneous        | B    |
| 300 For Sale: Homes        | B    | 900 Wanted               | B    |

## RATES

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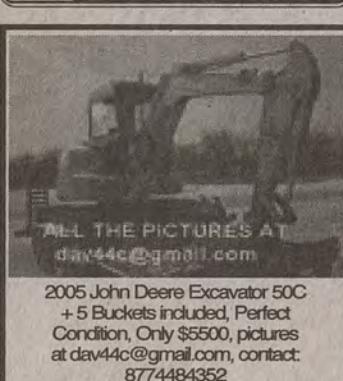
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Fill in the grid so  
that every row,  
column and 3x3 box  
contains the digits 1  
through 9 with no  
repeats.

Monday puzzle:  
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Wednesday puzzle:  
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Hard level

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## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1 "The House at  
Corner"

5 Solemn  
promises

10 Rise on hind  
legs

14 Can do

15 Murdered

16 Contemporary of  
Agatha

17 Ovid's outfit

18 Carver's choice

20 Bowler's target,  
perhaps

22 Dinos  
sumptuously

23 Grafton of  
mysteries

33 Fragrant conifer

34 Timber borders

37 Not hidden

38 Make free

39 Gives off

40 Fussing/footing

42 Get all

43 melodramatic

44 Letters that blast

45 Transition point

46 Talk

47 continuously

48 Stable mothers

49 Manger morsel

49 Scale notes

52 Power gaps

56 No matter what

59 Burnian hillside

60 Beige

61 Disunite

62 Be vanquished

63 Pipe fitting

64 Mock playfully

65 Basin accessory

DOWN

1 Maze solution

2 Slender

3 instrument

3 Gymnast Korbut

5 Actor Davis

6 Actor Bates

7 Soak up rays

8 Concealed

9 Bit for a horse

10 Polish again

11 Cupid

12 Plenty

13 Cerise and  
crimson

19 Ring of flowers

21 Vallarta,

24 Exposures for  
drying

25 Grow feathers

26 Randolph or  
Zachary

27 Actor Bacon

28 Thoroughly  
proficient

29 Long step

30 Labor or student  
follower

31 Fracas

32 German city

35 Eye

36 maliciously

36 Not subject to  
change

41 Most macabre

46 Diner handouts

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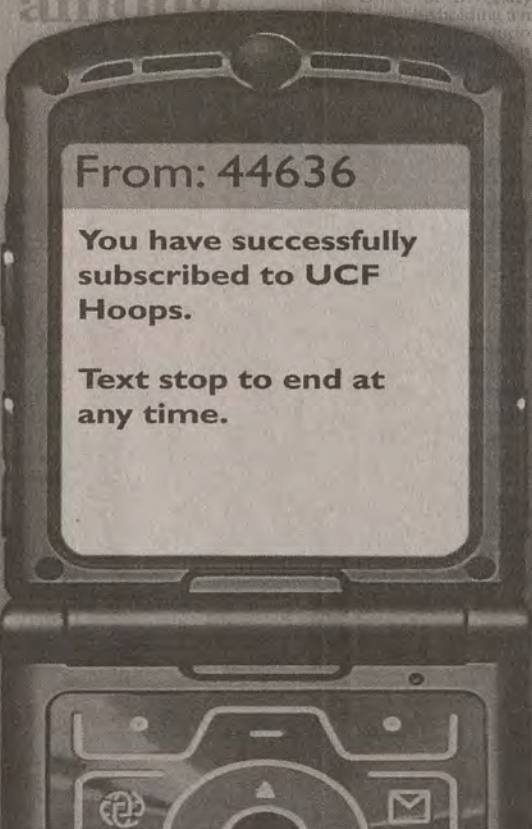
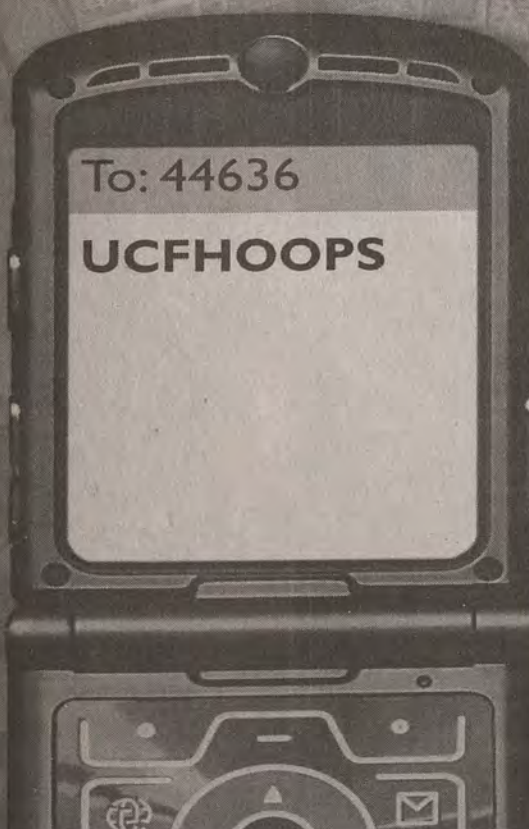
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| 50 Single          | 57 Finger sign |
| occurrence         | 58 Longoria of |
| 51 Exceptional     | "Desperate     |
| 52 Billfold filler | Housewives"    |

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